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Perth, Australia; Rome, Italy; 10th September 2009. The Australian music label Hidden Shoal Recordings today announced the digital prerelease of the debut album by Rome-based composer Elisa Luu.

Though digitally crafted, Chromatic Sigh is warm, inviting and uniquely human, betraying a vulnerability and sensitivity that is rarely found in the male-dominated sphere of electronica. With its sighing, lilting qualities, Elisa Luu's music reawakens a sense of childlike wonder and adventure with every sprawling and sparkling track. The album deftly moves in and out of the realms of ambient and electronica, creating a blissful, liminal realm where everything is rendered transformative.

The opening title track is a shifting kaleidoscope of drones, enveloping the listener with its gorgeous metallic haze. Single 'The Garden' creates a humid atmosphere of synths and glistening textures, carried aloft by crisp, skittering drum breaks. Melancholic centerpiece 'Slow Bass Flute' – which also appeared on debut EP Floating Sounds (Phantom Channel) – is so emotionally weighty that one can't help but feel humbled in its presence. And album closer 'Warn Plate' is the gentle return to terra firma, leaving the listener conscious of having visited somewhere unique, complex and beautiful.

"gorgeous stuff, timid and trembling, frail and fragile - the ice sculptured craftsmanship eking out a beauti-fied solitary elegance much recalling the early career work of Mum... most alluring and lulling stuff" – Losing Today on single 'The Garden'

"On the evidence of this EP, Elisa Luu is an astonishingly talented artist, crafting immersive and emotive soundfields with ease" – Luna Kafe on Floating Sounds (Phantom Channel)

Elisa Luu (Elisabetta Luciani) has been involved in a number of musical projects over the years, including fusion quartet Prodotti Speciali and Short's Monday Night Jazz Orchestra. She has also participated in Berklee Jazz clinics, where she received special mention as an alto sax player. In 2007 Elisa began to compose electronic music using flute, saxophone and guitar as sound sources. In 2008, UK net label Phantom Channel released her debut EP Floating Sounds, which garnered glowing online reviews.

Chromatic Sigh will be available in digital format from the Hidden Shoal Store and all good third-party digital music stores (iTunes, eMusic, Amazon, LaLa, etc) on the 10th of September, 2009. The album will see its official CD release on the 29th of September.

Hidden Shoal Recordings is an Australia-based independent music label that has earned a reputation for releasing exciting and engaging new independent music that is not bound by genre or style. Hidden Shoal Recordings was chosen as one of the top 10 favourite labels of 2007 by Textura magazine and has been dubbed "This generation's 4AD" by prominent New York radio host DJ Mojo.

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